

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method to manage documentation, comprising:  
    assigning a predetermined number of line items to a single writer by a user on a system to manage documentation, wherein each line item corresponds to a change in a software product;  
    reviewing and investigating each assigned line item; and  
    performing any changes related to each assigned line item across all affected books associated with the software product.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising electronically accessing each affected book to perform any changes.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each change is performed across all affected books regardless of book ownership.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
    preparing a document including a description of each change for each book; and  
    storing the document in a selected location in a memory.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising creating a pointer associated with each description of each change to link to a current version of the associated book.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising tracking line items and changes related to the line items.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a notice in response to completion of any changes related to each line item.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a notice in response to completion of any changes related to all assigned line items.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising reviewing any changes related to each line item across all books.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising closing each line item in response to review and approval of all changes related to the line item.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising performing a whole book inspection in response to closing all line items associated with the book.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising correcting any structural, retrieval or usability problems associated with each book.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising assigning each writer responsibility for a selected number of books.

14. (Currently Amended) A method to manage documentation in software development, comprising:

assigning a predetermined number of line items to a single writer by a user on a system to manage documentation, wherein each line item corresponds to a change in a software product;

reviewing and investigating each assigned line item;

performing any changes related to each assigned line item across all affected books associated with the software product;

reviewing any changes for each line item across all books; and  
closing each line item in response to review and approval of all changes related to the line item across all books.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein each change is performed across all affected books regardless of book ownership.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:  
preparing a document including a description of each change for each book; and  
storing the document in a selected memory location.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising creating a pointer associated with each description of each change to link to a current version of the affected book.

18. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising sending a notice in response to completion of any changes related to each line item.

19. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising reviewing any changes related to each line item across all books.

20. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising performing a whole book inspection on each book in response to closing all line items associated with the book.

21. (Currently Amended) A system to manage documentation, comprising:  
a processor to track each line item, wherein each line item corresponds to a change in a software product and wherein a predetermined number of line item are assigned to each writer, ~~each line item being tracked with respect to a group comprising an owner of the line~~

~~item; planned and actual start dates; planned and actual end dates or completion dates; any driver associated with each line item; status of each line item; and any issues associated with each line item; and~~

a system memory associated with the processor to store at least one book, the at least one book being accessible to perform any changes related to each line item effecting the at least one book associated with the software product.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising at least one input device to make changes related to any line items requiring such changes.

23. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising a document formable to include a description of each change for each book.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the document is stored in a selected memory location in the system memory.

25. (Original) The system of claim 23, further comprising a pointer formable for association with the description of each change to link to a current version of the affected book.

26. (Currently Amended) A system to manage documentation, comprising:  
means for assigning a predetermined number of line items associated with a release of a software product to a single writer;  
a system memory to store line item assignments;  
at least one book storable on the system memory; and  
means for accessing and performing any changes related to each line item across all affected books associated with the software product.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising means for preparing a document including a description of each change for each book.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the document is storable in a selected memory location in the system memory.

29. (Original) The system of claim 27, further comprising means for creating a pointer associated with each description of each change to link to a current version of the affected book.

30. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising means for sending a notice in response to completion of any changes.

31. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising means for closing each line item in response to review and approval of all changes related to the line item.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method, comprising:

tracking each line item corresponding to a change in a software product ~~with respect to a group comprising an owner of the line item; planned and actual start dates; planned and actual end dates or completion dates; any driver associated with each line item; status of each line item; and any issues associated with each line item;~~ and

facilitating any changes related to each line item across any affected books associated with the software product.

33. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of claim 32, further comprising sending a notice in response to completion of any changes related to each line item.

34. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of claim 32, further comprising providing means for preparing a description of each change.

35. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of claim 34, further comprising providing means for creating a pointer associated with each description of each change to link to a current version of the affected book.

36. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of claim 32, further comprising closing each line item in response to review and approval of all change related to the line item.